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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director, Office of Current Intelligence

SUBJECT : Response to the DDI on Plans for treating the death of Mao

1. We do not anticipate a need to create a task force. Trouble, if it comes, probably will develop some time after the death, not immediately.

2. We would expect to send out a WHSR when we are certain Mao is dead, followed by a NID/NIB piece assessing the post-Mao structure of power. A NID feature article expanding on this and making some judgments about the short and medium term future could accompany this or follow the next day. A special memo would be needed only if there were acute political problems extant at the time; we cannot at present predict this.

3. Material published in the NID and noted above should satisfy the immediate requirements of most consumers. We do not expect special requests from State. The NSC staff might request papers on one or another aspect of Chinese foreign policy or on some aspect of the internal situation. It is hard to predict the specifics of such a request, although Sino-US relations is a likely topic, as is the prospects for Sino-Soviet relations. The China NIO might order up a paper on anticipated developments in internal affairs, perhaps as a community project, perhaps as an intraagency project, perhaps an office study.

4. We have already published extensively on the succession issue in China and expect to draw on some of this off-the-shelf material when the time comes. Much of what we will have to say, however, will depend on the political circumstances at the time of death.

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